

President's Column

By Joyce Hinrich, President

It is a great time to be a member of the Friends of the Tempe Public Library!

Our goals for this year were to increase our members' involvement in the organization, communicate better, and provide some real rewards for our members. We specifically outlined four objectives to attain this goal and, while we are still working on these goals, we have made progress on each:

Objective 1: To have an annual membership book sale

The spring Friends book sale on March 24th will be for members only. This is a special gift to you. Refreshments will be served and we will be asking you for your suggestions for improving the library and the Friends. We will also provide an opportunity for you to volunteer and be involved with the Library programs and services that we sponsor.

Objective 2: To create a membership e-mail communication system

We will be asking for member's e-mail addresses so that we can communicate with you about upcoming events and special

projects at the Library. Our goal is to help you make better use of one of your community's best resources—The Tempe Public Library.

Objective 3: To provide more opportunity for membership volunteerism

We want to encourage you to help us strengthen library programs and outreach. We want to make sure those who want to be personally involved in library projects have the opportunity to do so. At the book sale, we will provide you with an opportunity to volunteer your services and get involved in those projects close to your heart.

Objective 4: To create a community web site

Friends board member Mark Bartlett has been working on updating and expanding our web site at www.tempe.gov/library/friends.htm. Check us out online.

Besides these accomplishments, the Friends have continued to support library projects including the Martin Luther King Day celebration, Peanutbutter and Jam children's activities, Family Place, volunteer recognition luncheons,

Above The Stacks

by Teri Metros,
Library Director

Library to Undergo Further Renovations

Visitors to the Library this spring will find another round of renovations to our building underway. One project will result in the construction of five new group study rooms in the lower level Computer Access Center. This project is the result of the partnership that we began last year with the Tempe Learning Center (TLC), the City of Tempe's employee education and training unit. Given the library's educational focus, it was a natural to locate the TLC program in the Library. The Library and its users have benefited from this partnership as it made possible the construction of a new computer training room and a wonderful new classroom, both located in the Computer Access Center. In order to house this new unit, two of the Library's four group study rooms were ideas turned into offices for TLC staff, with the remaining two to be reserved for public use until replacement rooms could be constructed. The good news is

Members Only Book Sale

March 24, 9-12am
Lower Level
Program Room

Audio-Visual Collection Expands

During the last few months, the Library's popular audio-visual collection has been expanded to include two new formats, recorded books on compact disc and digital videodisks (DVD). Both of these collections have proved to be very popular with our users and it is not uncommon for almost every item in these collections to be checked out. Our Media Librarian, Judy Martin, has done an excellent job of developing these new collections. We currently have about 200 DVD titles in the collection and hope to add more in the coming year. As is the case with the video collection, the DVD collection features selections from the Library of Congress National Film Registry. To be placed on the Registry, films must be "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant." We have received many positive comments from our users who tell us that they are pleased to find classic films beyond those typically available at retail rental outlets. The recorded books on compact disc collection has been equally as popular with our users. The collection size, however, is somewhat limited by the number of selections that are currently available in this format. As new selections become available, we will be adding them to the collection as well.

Both of these new collections serve to illustrate one of the Library's biggest challenges. New technologies have resulted in an ever-expanding range of media formats from which to select. In making the decision to add a new format, we have to ask ourselves if there is enough user demand to justify a new expendi-

ture from our budget. At the same time, we need to take into consideration whether a new media type will be one that will be available for some part of the foreseeable future. During the past year, we saw video start to move to DVD and recorded books move from audio-cassette to compact disc. With other formats like MP3 growing in popularity, we will undoubtedly see more changes in the future.

netLibrary E-Books Service to Continue



Last year, the Library participated in a six-month free trial with netLibrary, one of the major vendors of electronic books in the United States. The purpose of this trial was to see if this service would be of interest to our users. Based upon our analysis of the trial data, we recently made the decision to continue to provide this service to our users. The netLibrary collection includes a variety of study guides and test preparation books; self-help legal publications from Nolo Press, a variety of business publications from the American Management Association's Amacom press, titles from the Complete Dummies series, and many other titles. In making our e-book selections, we chose titles and subjects that were in high demand by our users and that were frequently lost, either through theft or non-return. The good news is that netLibrary titles cannot be lost and are available to our users twenty-four hours a day.

To access the netLibrary collection, go to the Library's Web page at www.tempe.gov/library, click on the netLibrary icon, and follow the directions. Once you have created an account on the system, you may preview a title for 15 minutes; check it out to read online for three days; or download it using the netLibrary e-book reader software. We are very pleased to include netLibrary in our expanding range of library information services available over the Web to the Tempe community.

Tempe Friends Host Friends Groups from Across the Valley

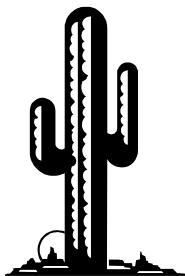
Thanks to the support of The Friends, a joint meeting of representatives from library Friends groups from across the Valley was held at the Library on November 27, 2000. The purpose of this meeting was to share ideas with other Friends groups and to find out about those activities and events that have been successful for their organizations. Among the topics discussed were membership recruiting and dues structures; benefits for members, newsletters and Web pages, and fund-raising ideas. The meeting proved to be a great success with over thirty-five people attending. Even better, the Friends provided a delicious catered luncheon to end the morning. I want to thank the Friends of the Tempe Public Library's Executive Board for coming up with the idea for this great event, one that was greatly appreciated by your fellow library supporters from across the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Friends Support Youth Library Programs

The Friends continued their longstanding support for children by funding over \$8,000 in requests in support of Youth Library programs and services. This request included a grant to purchase new board books; provide books for the Mother-Daughter Book Discussion Group, acquire new toys for the Preschool Activity Center, fund programs for the popular Peanut Butter and Jam Concerts, programs for the Tempe Tardeada and the City's Martin Luther King Junior celebrations, the Reading Under the Stars program, and the Holiday Fun Factory event. Needless to say, these programs are a big hit with our young readers and their parents.

Arizona Speakers Series

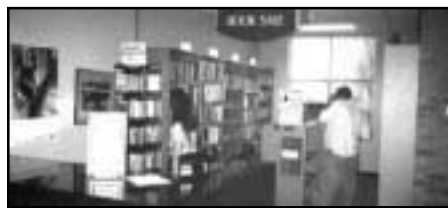
Last year, the Friends funded a new adult program series targeted to Tempe's senior residents and winter visitors. The programs were held in the afternoon and featured noted local who discussed topics related to Arizona's history and culture. The programs were so well received that we offered the series again this year, thanks to the support of both the Friends and the Arizona Humanities Council. The two month series featured a wide variety of



topics and presentations ranging from cowboy poet, Warren Miller, to Dr. Michael Engs who spoke about the exploits of the Buffalo Soldiers. The series was very well attended and promises to be an ongoing event at TPL.

Check-Out the New Friends Book Corner

The Friends recently moved its book shop to a new location within the Library. The new location formerly housed the Tempe Historical Society Gift



Shop. Since the Historical Society already had a gift shop in the Tempe Historical Museum on the same site, the Friends asked if they could move their shop to the new location and, most importantly, take over some much needed storage space that had been used by the Society. If you haven't stopped by the new location, please do so on your next visit. The new book corner is in a much more visible location, not to mention being bigger and better. To thank her for all of her hard work on behalf of the book shop, the Friends recently voted to name the shop the "Melaine Corrao Book Corner". Melaine, a former FTPL President, has devoted thousands of hours over the years to operating the book corner and

coordinating the special book sales held by the Friends throughout the year. Thanks to her hard work and "book smarts", the corner is generating more sales than ever. The revenue generated through the book corner and book sales is used to support a variety of library programs and services.

Diversity Dialogues Come to the Library

The Library is fortunate to be a partner with the Tempe Human Relations Commission in offering a series of Diversity Dialogues at the Library. The purpose of this program is to foster community dialogue about diversity issues, cultural tolerance and discrimination. Groups of 12 to 15 individuals will meet during six sessions and trained facilitators will be available during the sessions to help encourage the discussion. Group members will talk about personal experiences, discuss issues that concern them and share their visions for the future. After the six weeks of dialogue, comments from the meetings will be shared with the Human Relations Commission and the Tempe City Council. The Diversity Dialogues will meet on six consecutive Sunday evenings, beginning in February at the Library. The Friends will be providing refreshments for the series. We are very pleased to play a role in fostering these timely and important community discussions.

News from the Youth Library

Sherry Warren, Youth Services Supervisor

We are very proud to announce Tempe Library has been designated a Family Place Library. This was made possible through the sponsorship of the Friends of the Library and Libraries for the Future.

The objective of providing a place where children and parents can read and enjoy books together conforms to the overall goal of promoting literacy and strengthening the family through offering programs and resources that parents and children can experience together.

The Family Place concept originated in New York and spread to libraries through out the United States. The Family Place promotes healthy child and family development, enhanced connections

between families with small children and their communities and preparation for life long literacy. The Parent/Child workshop is a five week program that offers health and social service professionals working in an informal capacity to answer parental questions on an individual basis. This workshop is the core of the Family Place concept and it is fun! The workshop offers a variety of toys not found in a regular library such as a kitchen with utensils and food, a rocking boat, a tunnel, a puppet theater with puppets, dolls and cradles and dozens of fun and educational toys. Parents and their preschool children can play together, create a craft, read together and talk to

professionals and make friends with the other participants. A resource area is provided with books and materials on a variety of topics such as discipline, nutrition, and child development.

In the past few months, the youth staff has been getting ready for the first two parent child workshops. The first class will be held weekly beginning March 12 on Monday mornings from 9:15 to 10:30am in the Youth Library Meeting Room. The second class will be held at the Escalante Multi-Generational Center starting March 20 on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:15am. Registration is required for both classes. Call the Youth Desk for information at 350-5522.

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library promotion, the Escalante Center Library outreach program, and we have moved our library used book sale to the new Melaine Corrao Book Corner. It's been a busy year so far.

We look forward to seeing you at the March book sale.

REMEMBER,

IT'S FOR MEMBERS ONLY

If your membership has lapsed or you want to become a new member before the sale, membership applications are available in the library book corner or on the web page.

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that construction should begin on the new rooms in late February.

Thanks to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Library will receive new computers for its Youth Library and equipment for a new computer training lab to be located on the main floor of the Library. The new lab will be replace a lounge seating area on the main floor. In addition to providing us with additional space for our high demand computer classes, the new facility will be

expand our ability to provide public access to the Internet and other electronic resources. Construction on the new training lab will begin in February and the lab should be operational in late March.

During the construction phase, there will undoubtedly be some disruption on both the main floor and lower level of the building. I feel confident, however, that the new services that we will be able to provide to our users will definitely be worth any inconvenience.

Arizona Book Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 7th and plan on visiting us at the Arizona Book Festival. Friends members and Tempe Public Library staff will be staffing a booth at the festival. The booth will include a "make and take" activity for children and library staff will be on hand to talk about the Tempe Public Library's services and programs, as well as

the benefits of being a member of the Friends. Thanks to a contribution from the Friends, the library will be distributing special magnets and bookmarks with the library's address, Web address, and important phone numbers and literature bags packed with information about the Friends and TPL programs and services. A number of noted authors are

scheduled to appear including Tony Hillerman, Terry Tempest Williams, Ann Zwinger, J.A. Jance, Jerry Spinelli and Denise Chavez. The festival will be located once again at Margaret T. Hance Deck Park, adjacent to the Phoenix Public Library. It will be a great opportunity to meet fellow book-lovers and celebrate the joys of books and reading.

Check These Out!

by Kim Garza, Collection Management Librarian

Dallas, Sandra.

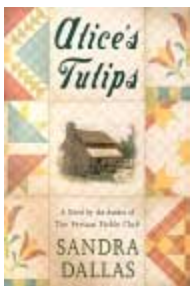
Alice's Tulips. D1455AL

This is a Civil War novel told in letters by a teenage newlywed of a union soldier to her sister.

Alice is newly married and living

in Iowa with her young husband Charlie and his stern mother when he decides to enlist in the union army. The story unfolds over a three year period that

involves a lot of hardships and frustrations because of the war. Flirty young Alice matures through her correspondence with her older sister, and grows to have a grudging respect for the mother-in-law who she is sure never liked her.



As in other Dallas' novels quilting lore is scattered throughout the text, and this is a wonderful historical novel about the importance of friendship and acceptance in a small community.

Dunning, John.

Two O'Clock, Eastern Wartime. Mystery D924TW

You thought John Dunning was only an expert on books, huh?



Old-time radio is also a passion of his. Jack Dulaney is a writer working at a New Jersey radio station at the start of World War II, where he is tracing the missing father of an old friend.

This suspenseful novel has it all: German spies, hidden secrets,

damsel in distress, and a reclusive millionaire.

Hilderbrand, Elinor.

Beach Club. H64287BE

This novel is a wonderful escape from the hot, dry desert. Mack Peterson has been the

manager of the Nantucket Beach Club and Hotel for 12 years now, but this season his life, and those of his friends and coworkers are to undergo some major changes.

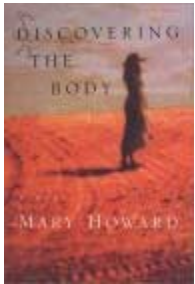
They may even be forced to grow up a little.

This is a fun, fast read full of enjoyable characters about an idyllic world where everything can be destroyed by a change in the weather. *more...*



Howard, Mary. *Discovering the Body*. H85135DI

Two years after discovering the body of her murdered friend



Luci, Linda Garbo is still haunted by the event. Her evidence has convicted the man she saw leaving the house right

before she discovered the body, and she has since married Luci's boyfriend Charlie, but Linda can't seem to move on. After discovering Luci's lost diary, the past becomes fresher than ever for

Linda. Linda is now doubting what she saw that day, and it is eating into her relationship with Charlie.

This is not a traditional mystery, or just a novel of psychological suspense. This first novel builds layer by layer to its riveting climax.

Hunter, Evan, and Ed McBain. *Candyland: A Novel in two parts. Mystery* H945CA

The first half of this mystery is a psychological portrait of sexual obsession by the author of the *Blackboard Jungle*, and the second half is a detailed police procedural by the grandmaster of that genre.

Benjamin Thorpe is a Los Angeles architect in New York for one night, and he is on the prowl for sex. The next morning detectives are investigating the rape and murder of a prostitute. Was Thorpe involved?

It is fascinating to see how one person can successfully write in two such different styles and

subgenres. Even though the author(s) don't always play fair, this is an exciting pageturner.



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